(d) whether any fund is being given to States by the Central Government for implementation of this project; and

(e) if so, the deails thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (e) The Department of Road Transport and Highways have notified the specifications of smart card based driving licenses and registration certificates vide notification No. G.S.R. 513(E) dated 10-8-2004. Standardized software for the purpose has been developed in consultation with National Informatics Centre (NIC) and made available to all States/Union Territories free of cost. Common specifications of smart card and related peripherals and the software would ensure its inter-operability throughout the country. An MOU had been signed by Department of Road Transport and Highways with NIC at a cost of Rs. 8.90 crores towards development of software, its testing, standardization etc.

Computerization of Transport offices in States/Union Territories is necessary for issuing a Smart Card based driving license/registration certificate. This is, however, to be done by the States/Union Territories themselves. No funds for this purpose have been given to the States by this Department.

Bypasses on National Highways

1559. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to construct bypasses on National Highways in various parts of the country to ease traffic congestion;

(b) if so, the details of proposals being discussed for construction of bypasses, State-wise; and

(c) the details of funds earmarked for each bypass project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposals for construction of Calicut bypass on NH-17 in Kerala, Akola bypass on NH-6 in Maharashtra and Dalkola bypass on NH-34 in

West Bengal have been provided in the Annual Plan 2004-05. There is a proposal of Rewa bypass on NH-7 in Madhya Pradesh to be taken up on Built Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis. In addition there are proposals for construction of bypasses under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) the State wise details are given in the Statement (*see* below).

(c) The funds for development of National Highways are allocated State-wise and not project-wise.

Statement

Bypasses on National Highways

State-wise details of proposals for construction of bypasses under National Highways Development Project (NHDP)

Sl. No.	State	Name of the town/City/to be bypassed	NH No.
1.	Assam	Nagaon	37 & 36
2.	Gujarat	Ranavav Upleta Rajkot (2-lane to 4-lane of existing bypass)	8B
3.	Jammu & Kashmir	Udhampur Nagrota Jammu Pathankot	1A
4.	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior Sagar Kareli Lakhnadone Seoni Shivpuri Karera	3 & 75 26 7 25
5.	Maharashtra	Mansar-Kamptee Nagpur	6 & 7 7

6.	Rajasthan	Chittorgarh	76 and 79
		Pindwara	
		Jaswaritgarh	
		Gogunda	
		Udaipur	
		Chittorgarh	
		Bassi	
		Balwant Nagar	
		Budhpura	76
		Dhaneshwar	
		Kota	
		Anta	
		Baran	
		Kishanganj	
		Kelwara	
		Samarania, Feradua & Geradate	
		Dholpur	3
7.	Tamil Nadu	Chennai bypass (Phase-II)	4 & 5
		4-laning of Chennai Bypass (Phase-I)	45& 4
		Tinidivanam	
		Villupuram	
		Ulundurpet	45
		Samayapuram	
		Trichirappalli	
		Viralimalai	
		Thuvarankurichi	
		Kottampatti	45B
		Melur	
		Othakadai	
8.	Uttar Pradesh	Ram Snehi Ghat	
		Barabanki	
		Ayodhya	28
		Gorakhpur	
		Jhansi	
		Chirgaon	
		Kargawan/Semari	
		Moth	25

Poonch	
Orai	
Agra	3
Jhansi	25 & 26
Lalitpur	26

Connecting NH-34 with Kolkata Port

1560. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has already been made by NHAI for connecting NH-34 with Kolkata Port; and

(b) whether Government would consider to include this Scheme in Port connectivity Programme of NHDP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Consultancy work for development of adequate road connectivity to Kolkata Port has been awarded. It is premature to indicate inclusion or otherwise of the project in Port connectivity Programme under NHDP.

Central road fund for Uttar Pradesh

†1561. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals sent by Government of Uttar Pradesh for assistance under Central Road Fund during the years 2003-04 and 2004-05; and

(b) the amount of assistance provided to the State during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Total 45 number of CRF proposals amounting to Rs. 512.73 Cr. were sent by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh for assistance under Central Road Fund during 2003-04 and 2004-05; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.